Gaijin: Os caminhos da libertade

(Gaijin: A Brazilian Odyssey, 1980)
Dir. Tizuka Yamasaki. 112 min.

In Portuguese with English subtitles.

Tizuka Yamasaki’s first fiction film is a tribute to her grandmother, who emigrated from Japan to Brazil in the early 1900s in search of a better life and found poverty, back-breaking labor, discrimination and loneliness. The exile epic begins in 1908 Japan, when two brothers decide to immigrate to Brazil. Since families received preferential treatment, one marries 16 year old Titoe (Kyoko Tsukamoto). They find work at a large coffee plantation in São Paulo where they and many other Japanese workers are culturally and linguistically isolated and treated like chattel. Among the few who are sympathetic to their plight is Tonho (Antonio Fagundes), a handsome foreman with a social conscience who will end up a labor organizer in São Paulo.

The screening will be preceded by a short introduction.

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Where: Jones Hall 204
Time: 7 PM
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